

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE



SERVICE NOTES AND NEWS

AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPORARY ARMAMENT TRAINING CAMP

A temporary armament training camp for one squadron formed at Aldergrove on March 2, 1936. The range is on Lough Neagh.

SPECIALIST ARMAMENT COURSE

The undermentioned officers, having successfully completed the specialist armament course at the Air Armament School, Eastchurch, which terminated on December 20, 1935, are granted the symbol "A":—Sqn. Ldr. C. E. V. Porter, S. F. Vincent, A.F.C., F/Os W. J. F. Bull, C. H. B. Bullock, E. S. Butler, R. H. E. Emson, A. H. Fear, A. W. Geoghegan, L. C. Slee, M. F. D. Williams.

The undermentioned officer of the Royal Canadian Air Force has also successfully completed the course:—Flt. Lt. C. R. Dunlap.

TRANSFER OF OFFICERS TO THE RESERVE

The undermentioned short service and medium service officers should note that they become due for transfer to the reserve, or (where indicated) for relinquishment of commission, on completing their period of service on the active list:—

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 1936

General Duties Branch

Flt. Lts. *Rowland Baron Harrison, Thomas Harold Downes, William Frank Lovering, Morgan Griffiths, Vernon Dillon Morshead, Ernest Leslie Jack Rowe, Douglas John Harrison.

F/Os *Bernard Adolf Casey, *William Herbert Husbands, *John Joseph Murphy, *Clifford George Skinner, *Clarence Herbert Smith, *Kenneth Reid Warton, †Hubert Fowler Boss-Walker, Alban Majendie Carey, †Jack Goodhart, John Harvey Heyworth, Herbert Langdale Andrews, Peter Fidelis Fess, Montgomery Vincent Gibbon, Peter Warren Johnson.

Medical Branch

Flt. Lt. William Patrick Griffin, M.B., B.Ch., September 4.

Chaplains Branch

*The Rev. Charles Percy Nott Rowband, M.A., September 6.

†To relinquish commission, not liable for reserve service.

The general duties branch officers marked * and † have been selected provisionally for permanent commissions.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AIR SQUADRON

The address of the University of London Air Squadron has been changed to:—University of London Air Squadron, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7.

IRISH FREE STATE AIR CORPS

With its headquarters at Baldonnel aerodrome, Co. Dublin, the Army Air Corps forms a small, but important, part (writes a correspondent) of the Free State Defence Force. The aircraft, mostly of a training type, are Vickers Vespas and Avro Tutors. Four of the latter type were added to the equipment of the unit during the past year. Arrangements have just been completed for the reconstruction of part of the camp at the aerodrome.

The post of Director of Military Aviation was abolished by the Government last year and the unit is now commanded by Major J. Mulcahy. A gliding club has been formed among the personnel of the station and receives official assistance.

During the year one fatal accident occurred at the aerodrome—it was the only one in the country—and Lieutenant Michael Kennedy was killed while practising attacks on a ground target.

ROYAL AIR FORCE GAZETTE

London Gazette, March 3, 1936

General Duties Branch

Lt. E. D. Joyce, Royal Artillery, is granted a temporary commission as Flying Officer on being seconded for duty with the Royal Air Force (February 18); Lt. Cdr. C. John, R.N., is reattached to the Royal Air Force as a Flight Lieutenant, with effect from February 20 and with seniority of January 1, 1933.

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight

Lieutenant:—W. R. Wills-Sandford (January 26); A. F. McKenna (February 12).

The following Pilot Officers are promoted to the rank of Flying Officer:—A. Green (January 14); P. W. Ashton, W. A. Hughes, C. Charlton-Jones, G. A. V. Clayton, T. R. Manson (January 28).

Sqn. Ldr. M. F. Browne is placed on the retired list on account of ill-health (March 4); the permanent commission of P/O. A. B. Rae is terminated on cessation of duty (February 26).

No. 10 SQUADRON

The ninth annual reunion dinner of No. 10 Squadron, R.F.C. and R.A.F., will be held in London on April 4. It is open to all ranks. Tickets 5s. 6d. Apply to Mr. A. F. Williams, "Rozel," Amersham, Bucks.

WINGS

The flying badge will be awarded to pupil pilots undergoing the new flying training course at the end of the first term at a flying training school, subject to their passing the air tests and ground examinations. The authority for the award will be the air or other officer commanding.

CIVIL D.F. STATIONS

Service aircraft fitted with medium frequency wireless telephony or radio telephony are permitted by a new order to work with the civil aviation ground stations at Hull, Newtownards, Bristol, and Renfrew for direction finding. Communication for any other purpose is forbidden except in emergencies.

AIR FORCE LIST

The March issue of the *Air Force List* has now been published. It can be purchased (price 2s. 6d.) from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses: Adastral House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 120, George Street, Edinburgh; 2, York Street, Manchester; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; 15, Donegall Square, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

FLYING ACCIDENT

The Air Ministry regrets to announce that Lt.-Cdr. George Alexander Turner Laing, Royal Navy, lost his life as the result of an accident which occurred near Gibraltar on March 5, to an aircraft belonging to H.M.S. *Furious*. Lt.-Cdr. Laing was a passenger in the aircraft. The pilot, Lt. T. C. G. Holford, R.N., F/O, Royal Air Force, and the other passenger, Lt. G. N. Beaumont, R.N., are uninjured.

PERMANENT OFFICERS FOR SPECIALISATION

The undermentioned officers holding permanent commissions have been selected to attend specialist courses during 1936-37.

FOR ENGINEERING COURSE

F/Os A. P. Chamberlain, T. G. L. Gale, S. J. Marchbank, J. C. Pope, D. Price, J. K. Rotherham, G. E. Watt, R. A. C. Carter, L. W. Burgess, R. T. Gething, R. G. Stone.

FOR SIGNALS COURSE

F/Os D. R. Evans, H. G. Leonard-Williams, C. C. Morton, A. G. Powell, M. K. D. Porter, P. R. Robinson, G. L. S. Griffith-Jones.

FOR ARMAMENTS COURSE

F/Os F. C. de la P. Beresford-Peirse, I. G. Mackay, D. S. Kite, P. de G. H. Seymour, D. R. Shore, H. Y. Humphreys, E. D. M. Nelson, A. N. Combe, L. Coulson, A. Golding, S. P. A. Patmore, E. B. C. Davies, W. R. Brotherhood, C. R. D. L. Lloyd.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHY COURSE

F/Os D. G. Keddie and C. G. R. Lewis.

FOR NAVIGATION COURSE

F/Os A. W. B. Barrett, D. Michell, A. F. Johnson, T. H. Rolfe, R. H. Shaw.